

## **Ants of Chindo Island in Korea (Hymenoptera, Formicidae)**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The ants found in Chindo Island were investigated from July to October, 1994. We were interested in the ant fauna of this island because it is one of larger islands of Korea and being well supplied with subterranean water, quite different from other islands in this respect. Collections were examined from 11 sites of Chindo Is., of which 21 species of 15 genera under 4 subfamilies are classified and reported.

Key words: Ants, Formicidae, Systematic, Chindo Island, Korea

### **INTRODUCTION**

Chindo Island is located in the South Sea, about 40 km from the administration unit of Haenam. It is a relatively large island with 7 mountains and 13 streams. These supply adequate water for plants and animals. In 1994, most islands experienced water shortages, but Chindo island is quite different from others in water supply. No taxonomic studies of ants have been done in this area to date, hence the ants found on Chindo Is. were investigated from July to October, 1994. We tried to cover as many collecting sites as we could reach in order to obviate bias resulting from small sample size.

Eleven sites were surveyed, approximately 250 ant nests were excavated and collections were moved to the laboratory during the research period. All collections were examined using the stereomicroscope and compared with voucher specimens from Natural History Museum, Great Britain. As taxonomic keys were made following the system of Collingwood (1979). As a result, 21 species of 15 genera under 4 subfamilies were identified. We thank Jack D. Large of the Department of English Education, Wonkwang University for proofreading the English of the final draft.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

About 15,000 ant specimens from 250 ant nests excavated in 11 collecting sites were moved to laboratory. Whenever ant nests were found, they were excavated by spade and ants were collected by aspirator. Initially being preserved in Bouin's solution (80% ethanol 150 ml, formaldehyde 15 ml, picric acid 1 g), for 2 or 3 days later they were moved to 95% ethanol. Specimen was identified by comparison with voucher specimens from Drs. Elmes and Collingwood in England, Rigato in Italy, Onoyama in Japan, and Mr. Wang in China. Taxonomic system follows Collingwood (1979), as does the terminology. Keys of subfamily and genera for the ants of this area were made for the assemblage of all.

## SYSTEMATIC ACCOUNT

### Key to Subfamilies of Formicidae

1. Pedicel with one nodal segment ..... 2
  - Pedicel with two nodal segments ..... Myrmicinae
2. Gaster clearly constricted between first and second segments: final abdominal segment with strong sting ..... Ponerinae
  - Gaster without constriction between first and second segment: sting absent ..... 3
3. Cloacal orifice is transverse slit and four abdominal segments are seen from above ..... Dolichoderinae
  - Cloacal orifice is seen circular with hairs and five abdominal segments are seen from above ..... Formicinae

Subfamily Ponerinae Lepeletier 침개미아과

### Key to genera of Ponerinae

1. Mesopleura with slopely running groove ..... *Ectomomyrmex*
  - Mesopleura flat without groove and in profile pronotum and mesonotum convex ..... *Brachyponera*

Genus 1. *Brachyponera* Emery, 1901 왕침개미속

*Brachyponera* Emery, 1901, p. 43.

Type species: *Ponera sennaarensis* Mayr.

#### 1. *Brachyponera chinensis* Emery, 1894 왕침개미

*Brachyponera chinensis* Emery, 1894, p. 460; Kim, 1970, p. 471; Collingwood, 1976, p. 300; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 23; Kim et al., 1993, p. 119; Kim et al., 1994, p. 294.

*Euponera* (*Brachyponera*) *solitaria* Smith, 1874, p. 404.

*Ponera nigrata chinensis* Emery, 1894, p. 360.

**Locality.** Ssanggye temple.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, and New Zealand.

Genus 2. *Ectomomyrmex* Mayr, 1867 일본침개미속

*Ectomomyrmex* Mayr, 1867, p. 83.

Type species. ?

**2. *Ectomomyrmex javanus* Mayr, 1867** 일본침개미

*Ectomomyrmex javanus* Mayr, 1867, p. 84; Kim, 1970, p. 472; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 23; Kim et al., 1993, p. 119; Kim et al., 1994, p. 295.

*Pachycondyla (Ectomomyrmex) japonica* Emery, 1902.

*Pachycondyla japonicus*: Wheeler, 1928.

**Locality.** Ssanggye temple.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Sumatra, Java, Borneo, and Indochina.

Subfamily Cerapachinae 배잘록침개미아과

Genus 3. *Cerapachys* Fr. Smith, 1857 배잘록침개미속

*Cerapachys* Fr. Smith, 1858, p. 74.

Type species. *Cerapachys antennatus* Smith, 1858.

**3. *Cerapachys humicola* Ogata 1983** 배잘록침개미

*Cerapachys humicola* Ogata, 1985; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 24.

**Locality.** Hyangdong.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

Subfamily Myrmicinae Lepeletier, 1836 두마디개미아과

**Key to Genera of Myrmicinae**

1. Post petiole attached to dorsum of first abdominal segment ..... *Crematogaster*  
— Post petiole attached to anterior face of first segment ..... 2
2. Clypeus protruded like a tomb from anterior area of antennal base ..... *Pristomyrmex*  
— Clypeus not protruded like a tomb ..... 3
3. Antennae six segmented ..... *Strumigenys*  
— Antennae more than ten segmented ..... 4
4. Clypeus with two vertical protruded lines. Head and thorax with concave areas but without rugosities ..... 5  
— Clypeus with one vertical protruded line or rugosities ..... 6
5. Antennae ten segmented and club two segmented ..... *Solenopsis*  
— Antennae twelve segmented and club three segmented ..... *Tetramorium*
6. Antennal club three segmented and as long as sum of other segments or longer than it ..... *Pheidole*  
— Antennal club five segmented and shorter than sum of other segments ..... *Aphaenogaster*

Genus 4. *Aphaenogaster* Mayr, 1853 황개미불이속

*Aphaenogaster* Mayr, 1853, p. 107.

Type species. *Aphaenogaster sarous* Mayr, 1903.

#### 4. *Aphaenogaster famelica* (Smith, 1874) 황장다리개미

*Ichnomymex famelicus* Smith, 1874, p. 405.

*Stenamma* (*Aphaenogaster*) *famelicum*: Wheeler, 1906.

*Aphaenogaster famelica*: Mayr, 1878, p. 669.

*Aphaenogaster ruida*: Collingwood, 1976, p. 302.

*Aphaenogaster famelica*: Kim, 1970, p. 475; Collingwood, 1981, p. 26; Kim and Kim, 1982, p. 104; Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 72; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 26; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 122; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 296.

**Locality.** Ch'osang, Hyangdong, Jöpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

Genus 5. *Crematogaster* Lund, 1831 꼬리치레개미속

*Crematogaster* Lund, 1831, p. 132.

Type specis. *Formica scutellaris* Oliver, 1791.

#### 5. *Crematogaster brunnea teranishii* Santschi, 1930 검정꼬리치레개미

*Crematogaster brunnea teranishii* Santschi, 1930, p. 265; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 31; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 122.

**Locality.** Ssanggye temple.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

#### 6. *Crematogaster osakensis* Forel, 1900 노랑꼬리치레개미

*Crematogaster osakensis* Forel, 1900, p. 369.

*Crematogaster sordidula* var. *japonica* Forel, 1912.

*Crematogaster osakensis*: Teranish, 1940, p. 4; Kim, 1963, p. 102; Kim, 1970, p. 478;

Collingwood, 1976, p. 303; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 31; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 122; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 297.

*Crematogaster sordidula osakensis*: Kim and Kim, 1982, p. 4; Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 10, 11.

**Locality.** Jöpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, and Japan.

Genus 6. *Monomorium* Mayr, 1855 집개미속

*Monomorium* Mayr, 1855, p. 452.

Type species. *Monomorium minutum* Mayr, 1855.

#### 7. *Monomorium chinense* Santschi, 1925 중국집개미

*Monomorium minutum* var. *chinense* Santschi, 1925, p. 86.

*Monomorium chinense*: Bolton, 1989; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 29; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 123; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 298.

**Locality.** Paengmok, Geumkap, Ch'öngryong.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, and Japan.

Genus 7. *Pheidole* Westwood, 1841 흑개미속

*Pheidole* Westwood, 1841, p. 87.

Type species. *Atta providens* Sykes, 1835.

**8. *Pheidole fervida* Fr. Smith, 1874** 극동흑개미

*Pheidole fervida* Fr. Smith, 1874, p. 406.

*Pheidole fervida* var. *kawazna* Teranishi, 1940.

*Pheidole fervida*: Collingwood, 1940, p. 4; 1976, p. 302; Kim, 1963, p. 102; Kim, 1970, p. 477; Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 69; Kim, 1986, p. 85; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 27; Kim et al., 1993, p. 124; Kim et al., 1994, p. 299.

**Locality.** Ssanggye temple, Kwangjŏn, Ch'ŏngryong.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, and Japan.

Genus 8. *Pristomyrmex* Mayr, 1866 그물등개미속

*Pristomyrmex* Mayr, 1866, p. 903.

Type species. *Pristomyrmex pungens* Mayr, 1866.

**9. *Pristomyrmex pungens* Mayr, 1866** 그물등개미

*Pristomyrmex pungens* Mayr, 1866, p. 904.

*Pristomyrmex pungens*: Kim, 1970, p. 481; Collingwood, 1976, p. 303; Kim et al., 1982, p. 7; Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 58; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 30; Kim et al., 1993, p. 125; Kim et al., 1994, p. 299.

**Locality.** Ch'osang, Paengmok, Ssanggye temple, Jŏnsŏl, Geumkap, Namsŏn, Kwangjŏn, Jŏpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, and Japan.

Genus 9. *Solenopsis* Westwood, 1841 열마디개미속

*Solenopsis* Westwood, 1841, p. 86.

Type species. *Solenopsis fugax* Latreille, 1798.

**10. *Solenopsis japonica* (Wheeler, 1928)** 일본열마디개미

*Formica fugax* var. *japonica* Wheeler, 1928, p. 113.

*Solenopsis japonica*: Terayama et al., 1992, p. 30; Kim et al., 1993, p. 125; Kim et al., 1994, p. 300.

**Locality.** Songjŏng.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

Genus 10. *Strumigenys* Smith, 1860 비늘개미속

*Strumigenys* Smith, 1860, p. 71.

Type species. *Strumigenys mandibularis* Smith, 1860.

**11. *Strumigenys lewisi* Cameron, 1877** 비늘개미

*Strumigenys lewisi* Cameron, 1877, p. 229.

*Strumigenys lewisi*: Kim, 1970, p. 483; Kim, 1963, p. 103; Collingwood, 1976, p. 303; Kim and Kim, 1982, p. 22; Terayama et al., 1992, p. 31; Kim et al., 1993, p. 125; Kim et al., 1984, p. 300.

**Locality.** Jŏnsŏl.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

Genus 11. *Tetramorium* Mayr, 1855 주름개미속

*Tetramorium* Mayr, 1855, p. 423.

Type species. *Formica caespitum* Linné, 1758.

**12. *Tetramorium caespitum* (Linné, 1758) 주름개미**

*Formica caespitum* Linné, 1758, p. 581.

*Tetramorium caespitum*: Mayr, 1855.

*Tetramorium caespitum semileve* var. *jacoti* Wheeler, 1923, (syn. by Yasumatsu, 1962).

*Tetramorium caespitum*: Teranish, 1940, p. 4; Kim, 1963, p. 103; Kim, 1970, p. 482; Collingwood, 1976, p. 304; 1981, p. 27; Kim and Kim, 1982, p. 8; Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 65; Kim, 1986, p. 85; Terayama *et al.*, 1992; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 126; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 300.

**Locality.** Ch'osang, Paengmok, Hyangdong, Songdong, Songjöng, Jöpdo, Ch'öngryong.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, United Kingdom, and Europe.

Subfamily Formicicinae Lepeletier 불개미아과

**Key to Genera of Formicicinae**

1. Antennal insertions set at a distance behind posterior clypeal margin..... *Camponotus*
- Antennal insertions more or less contiguous with posterior clypeal margin..... 2
2. Eyes at or in front of midlength of sides of head; petiole inclined forward, petiole nodal or scale form and overhung by first gaster tergite..... *Paratrechina*
- Eyes behind midlength of sides head; petiole nodal or as a vertical scale not overhung by first gaster..... 4
4. Propodeal spiracle ellipsed or slit like set at a distance from posterior propodeal declivity. Funiculus segments from two to five long or longer than segments from six to eleven... *Formica*
- Propodeal spiracle broadly oval or circular, set close to or at the posterior propodeal margin..... *Lasius*

Genus 12. *Camponotus* Mayr, 1861 왕개미속

*Camponotus* Mayr, 1861, p. 35.

Type species. *Formica ligniperda* Latreille, 1802.

**13. *Camponotus japonicus* Mayr, 1866 일본왕개미**

*Camponotus japonicus* Mayr, 1866, p. 855.

*Camponotus pennsylvanicus* var. *japonicus* Emery, 1893, p. 268.

*Camponotus herculeanus japonicus* var. *sanguinea* Karawajew, 1929.

*Camponotus herculeanus* var. *koreanus* Teranishi, 1940, p. 74 (syn. by Yasumatsu and Brown, 1951).

*Camponotus japonicus*: Kim, 1963, p. 104; Kim, 1970, p. 484; Collingwood, 1976, p. 306; 1981, p. 29; Kim, 1986, p. 85; 1987, p. 13; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 38; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 127; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 301.

**Locality.** Paengmok, Kwangjöpn, Namsön, Jöpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, Burma, and Phillipines.

**14. *Camponotus jejuensis* Kim and Kim, 1986** 제주왕개미

*Camponotus jejuensis* Kim and Kim, 1986, p. 139-144.

*Camponotus jejuensis*: Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 39; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 127; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 301.

**Locality.** Ssanggye temple.

**Distribution.** Korea.

Genus 13. *Formica* Linné, 1758 불개미속

*Formica* Linné 1758, p. 59.

Type species. *Formica rufa* Linné, 1758.

**15. *Formica fusca* Linnaeus, 1758** 검정불개미

*Formica fusca* Linnaeus, 1758, p. 580; Kim, 1986, p. 36.

*Formica glebaria* Nylander, 1846 (*non* Forel, 1904).

*Formica fusca* var. *fusca*: Forel, 1874.

*Formica fusca fusca* var. *pallipes* Kuznetzob-Ugamskij, 1929; Kim, 1987, p. 31; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 37; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 128. (*syn. nov.*).

**Locality.** Jŏpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

**16. *Formica japonica* Motschulsky, 1866** 곰개미

*Formica japonica* Motschulsky, 1866, p. 39.

*Formica fusca* var. *japonica*: Emery, 1909.

*Formica fusca japonica*: Emery, 1925.

*Formica japonica*: Teranishi, 1940b, p. 6; Dlussky, 1967, p. 78; Kim, 1970, p. 489; Kim, 1987, p. 35; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 37; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 128; Kim and Park, 1994, p. 302.

**Locality.** Hyangdong.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, Taiwan, Sakhalin, Mongolia, Manchuria, Europe, North America, and Africa.

**17. *Formica yessensis* Forel, 1901** 불개미

*Formica truncicola* var. *yessensis* Forel, 1901, p. 66.

*Formica truncorum* var. *yessensis*: Wheeler, 1906.

*Formica yessensis*: Collingwood, 1976, p. 304; 1981, p. 27.

*Formica* sp.: Kim and Kim, 1983, p. 129.

**Locality.** Ch'osang.

**Distribution.** Korea and Japan.

Genus 14. *Lasius* Fäbrius, 1804 풀잎개미속

*Lasius* Fäbrius, 1804. p. 415.

Type species: *Formica nigra* Linné, 1781.

**18. *Lasius alienus* (Förster, 1850)** 누운털개미

*Formica aliena* Förster, 1896, p. 71.

*Lasius alienus*: Emery, 1878; Collingwood, 1976, p. 305; 1981, p. 27; Kim, 1986, p. 86; 1987, p. 36, 71; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 129; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 129; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 302; Kim and Lim, 1994, p. 119.

**Locality.** Ch'osang, Songjŏng, Ssanggye temple, Kwangjŏn, Jŏpdo.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, Europe, and North America.

### 19. *Lasius niger* (Linné, 1781) 고동털개미

*Formica niger* Linnaeus, 1781, p. 580.

*Formica niger* Linnaeus: Collingwood, 1981, p.27; Kim, 1987, p. 59; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 35; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 129; Kim and Lim, 1994, p. 120; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 302.

**Locality.** Hyangdong, Ssanggye temple, Ch'ŏngryong.

**Distribution.** Korea, China, Japan, Sakhalin, Siberia, Europe, and North Africa.

### 20. *Lasius meridionalis* (Bondroit, 1919) 나도황개미

*Formica meridionalis* Bondroit, 1919.

*Lasius umbratus* var. *meridionalis*: Viehmeyer in Emery, 1922.

*Lasius rabaud*: Wilson, 1955.

*Lasius meridionalis*: Collingwood, 1981, p. 29; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 36; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 129.

**Locality.** Hyangdong.

**Distribution.** Korea, Japan, and Europe.

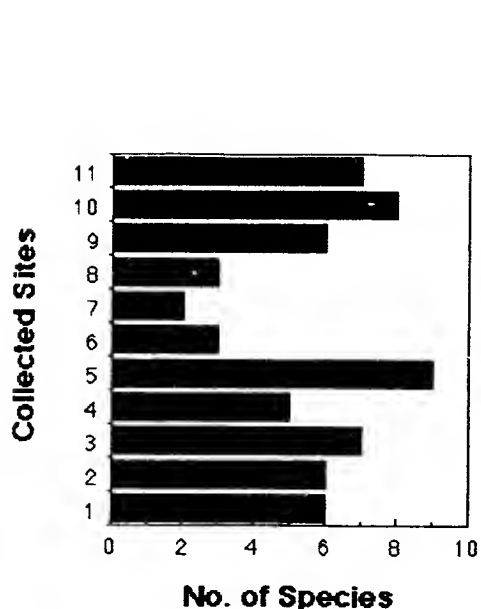


Fig. 1. Relationship between collected sites and number of speiceis.

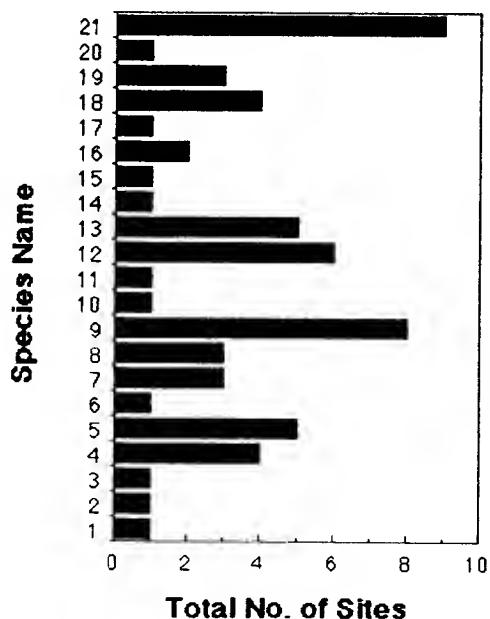


Fig. 2. Relationship between species and total number of collected sites.



**Table 1.** A list of ants from 11 sites of Chinndo Island.

Species		Collected Sites											Total
Species Name													No. of
No.		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Sites
PONERINAE													
1	<i>Brachiponera chinensis</i>					●							1
2	<i>Ectomomyrmex javanus</i>					●							1
CERAPACHINAE													
3	<i>Cerapachys humicola</i>			●									1
MYRMICINAE													
4	<i>Aphaenogaster japonica</i>	●		●		●					●		4
5	<i>Crematogaster osakensis</i>		●						●	●	●	●	5
6	<i>Crematogaster teranishii</i>					●							1
7	<i>Monomorium chinense</i>		●					●				●	3
8	<i>Pheidole fervida</i>					●				●		●	3
9	<i>Pristomyrmex pungens</i>	●	●			●	●	●	●	●	●		8
10	<i>Solenopsis japonica</i>				●								1
11	<i>Strumigenys lewisi</i>						●						1
12	<i>Tetramorium caespitum</i>	●	●	●	●						●	●	6
FORMICINAE													
13	<i>Camponotus japonicus</i>		●		●				●	●	●		5
14	<i>Camponotus jejuensis</i>					●							1
15	<i>Formica fusca</i>										●		1
16	<i>Formica japonica</i>			●								●	2
17	<i>Formica yessensis</i>	●											1
18	<i>Lasius alienus</i>	●			●					●	●		4
19	<i>Lasius niger</i>			●		●						●	3
20	<i>Lasius meridiomalis</i>			●									1
21	<i>Paatrechina sakurae</i>	●	●	●	●	●	●			●	●	●	9
No. of Species		6	6	7	5	9	3	2	3	6	8	7	

Collected sites: 1-Cho'sang, 2-Paengmok, 3-Hyangdong, 4-Songjöng, 5-Ssanggye temple, 6-Jönsöl, 7-Geumkap, 8-Namsön, 9-Kwangjön, 10-Jöpdo, 11-Ch'öngryong

Genus 15. *Paratrechina* Motschulsky, 1863 사쿠라개미속

*Paratrechina* Motschulsky, 1863, p. 13.

Type species. *Formica pygmae* Latreille, 1781.

**21. *Paratrechina sakurae* (Ito, 1914) 사쿠라개미**

*Formica sakurae* Ito, 1914, p. 43.

*Paratrechina sakurae*: Kim, 1963, p. 346; Kim, 1970, p. 486; Collingwood, 1976, p. 306; 1981, p. 29; Kim, 1987, p. 71; Terayama *et al.*, 1992, p. 34; Kim *et al.*, 1993, p. 129; Kim *et al.*, 1994, p. 303.

**Locality.** Ch'osang, Paengmok, Hyangdong, Songjŏng, Ssangge temple, Jŏnsŏl, Kwangjŏn, Jŏpdo, Ch'ŏngryong.

**Distribution.** Korea, Japan, and Europe.

## DISCUSSION

In all, 21 species were collected in this area, out of 109 species which have been recorded in Korea to date. Therefore it can be said that 19% of the ants from Korea are found on this island.

Table 1 shows the ant species collected from 11 sites of this area. Figures 1 and 2 show the relationships between collected sites and number of species. The most productive sites for sampling were Ssanggye temple, where 9 species were collected; the collecting rate was 43% ( $9/21 \times 100$ ), conversely, Geumgap, Jŏnsŏl, and Namsŏn were the least productive, where just 2, 3, and 3 species, respectively, were found; the collecting rates were 9.5%, 14.3%, 14.3% ( $2/21$ ,  $3/21$ ,  $3/21$ ) respectively (Table 1, Figs. 1 and 2).

The dominant species found were *Paratrechina sakurae* (9 sites, 82%,  $9/11 \times 100$ ) *Pristomyrmex pungens* (8 sites, 73%,  $8/11 \times 100$ ) which were present in 9 and 8 sites. The most rare species were *Brachiponera chinensis*, *Ectomomyrmex javanus*, *Cerapachys humicola*, *Camponotus jejuensis*, *Solenopsis japonica*, *Strumigenys lewisi*, *Lasius meridionalis*, *Formica fusca*, and *Formica japonica*, which were found in only 1 site, each collection rate of 9% ( $1/11 \times 100$ ).

Unexpectedly *Formica japonica* was collected in only 2 sites and its collection rate was 18% ( $2/11 \times 100$ ), despite that species' dominance in inland sites. Examining all data of this research, no endemic species are found, although the ant fauna of Chindo Island are quite different from that of inland or of other islands, as shown in Figures 1 and 2.

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